

Chapter 8.16**WEED ABATEMENT**

(84-11/11, 2022-12/75, 2248-1/78, 2677-2/84)

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8.16.010 Removal required. All persons owning any real property in this city are required to keep said property free from weeds whose seeds are of a winged or downy nature, weeds which attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace, and dry grass, stubble, brush, litter, or other flammable material which endangers the public safety by creating a fire hazard. (84-11/11, 2677-2/84)

8.16.020 Nuisance declared. Any such weeds on any such real property in this city are declared to be a nuisance. (84-11/11)

8.16.030 Removal--Notice to owner. It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to notify, in the manner hereinafter provided, the occupants and owners of any premises in this city to eradicate and remove, within ten (10) days from the receipt of such notice, all such weeds from the property they own or occupy, and that upon failure to do so within the time specified, this city will cause the weeds to be removed at the expense of said owner. (84-11/11, 2677-2/84)

8.16.040 Notice--Form--Service. The notice to remove weeds shall be conspicuously posted on or in front of the property on which the nuisance exists. Notice shall be posted on each separately owned parcel of property of not over fifty (50) feet frontage; not more than two (2) notices to any such parcel of one hundred (100) feet frontage or less; notices at not more than one hundred (100) feet apart if the frontage of such a parcel is greater than one hundred (100) feet. (84-11/11, 2248-1/78)

8.16.050 Delinquency--Estimate given to Council. The notice(s) shall be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the time for hearing objections by the City Council. The Director of Public Works shall transmit to the City Council an estimate of the probable cost of doing the work. (2248-1/78; 84, 11/11)

8.16.060 Ordering of work by city. The Council may order the Director of Public Works to do the work, at the expense of the owner of said property, and provide for temporary payment of the same with city funds. (84-11/11, 2248-1/78)

8.16.070 Extension of time. The Council may, in its discretion, extend the time within which the work must be done. (84-11/11)

8.16.080 Abatement--Costs. All costs shall constitute a charge and special assessment upon such parcel of land incurred by the city and/or county. If such costs are not paid within a period specifically set by the city and/or county, there shall then be declared a special assessment against that parcel as provided in Government Code sections 25845, 38773 and 38773.5. Such special assessment shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedures and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary county taxes. The city shall retain the additional and independent right to recover its costs by way of civil action against the owner and person in possession or control, jointly or severally. (2022-12/75, 2248-1/78)